

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

The Switzerland County Council met in regular session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: council: Mike Bear, Steve Crabtree, Elizabeth Jones, Rachel Schuler, and Glenn Scott, the chief deputy, Brian Morton, and the county auditor, Gayle Rayles. Councilmen Terry Hall and John Gary Welch were absent.

Brian opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

#1 Steve Jones-Ellard – Tourism Budget

Mr. Jones-Ellard gave council a copy of tourism’s operating budget for 2017. He gave them a brief recap of 2016. They spent about \$149,000.00 for infrastructure for their projects, they have provided \$75,000.00 in matching funds for the Art Center board to buy the building, they provided \$69,000.00 in matching funds to and IOTD grant for the Tale of 2 Barns project, etc.

They are moving away from event-based tourism and implementing destination-based tourism where people come to stay a few days and not just come to an event and then leave.

Tourism was audited in September for 5 years and they passed but the state had comments on their internal control procedures and wanted some policies in place. They have implemented all of the items.

Rachel made a motion to approve the 2017 tourism budget, seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed.

#2 Other Business

2017 Salary Ordinance: The 2017 Salary Ordinance was approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by Elizabeth and the motion carried with Glenn abstaining.

Chief Deputy Brian Morton thanked the council for approving the new pay matrix for the communications, jail, and sheriff employees.

Transfer Ordinances: The following transfer ordinances were approved on a motion by Elizabeth seconded by Mike and all agreed.

TRANSFER ORDINANCE

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COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND (1121)			AMOUNT
<i>PARK BOARD</i>			
200	SUPPLIES		
	4220 HAND TOOLS/EQUIP	INCREASE	\$ 750.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4322 UPKEEP OF GROUNDS	DECREASE	\$ 750.00

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Other Business cont'd

Transfer Ordinances cont'd

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COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND (1121)			AMOUNT
<i>EXTENSION OFFICE</i>			
200	SUPPLIES		
	4217 POSTAGE	DECREASE	\$ 950.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4310 MILEAGE	INCREASE	\$ 950.00

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)			AMOUNT
<i>ELECTION</i>			
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4114 INSPECTORS	DECREASE	\$ 125.00
	4112 CLERICAL ASST.	DECREASE	\$ 124.55
200	SUPPLIES		
	4226 ELECTION SUPPLIES	INCREASE	\$ 249.55

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)			AMOUNT
<i>ANIMAL SHELTER</i>			
200	SUPPLIES		
	4211 ANIMAL CARE SUPPLIES	INCREASE	\$3876.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4313 REPAIRS	DECREASE	\$ 600.00
	4331 FUEL	DECREASE	\$2209.00
	4345 UTILITIES	DECREASE	\$1067.00

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT
<i>COMMISSIONERS</i>	
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	
4151 LEGAL SERVICES	INCREASE \$ 650.00
200 SUPPLIES	
4222 COPY SUP/PAPER	INCREASE \$1450.00
4230 CLEANING SUP	INCREASE \$ 400.00
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
4311 POSTAGE	DECREASE \$1850.00
4347 WORKERS COMP	DECREASE \$ 650.00

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT
<i>VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER</i>	
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	
4112 TRAINING CONF	DECREASE \$ 399.00
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
4309 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	INCREASE \$ 399.00

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT
<i>COURTHOUSE</i>	
200 SUPPLIES	
4202 OPERATING SUPPLIES	INCREASE \$4000.00
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
4345 UTILITIES	DECREASE \$4000.00

Adopted this 14th day of DECEMBER 2016.

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Other Business cont'd

Additional Appropriation Ordinances: The following additional appropriation ordinances were approved on a motion by Rachel, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget:

SEC. 1 BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Switzerland County, Indiana that for expenses of said municipal corporation, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>CORONER</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4320 LAB FEES	\$ 5000.00	_____
4321 HOSPITAL FEES	\$ 5000.00	_____
4328 AUTOPSIES	\$ 5000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$15000.00	_____

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>COMMISSIONERS</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4312 TELEPHONE	\$17000.00	_____
4313 MAINT. AGREEMENTS	\$20000.00	_____
4314 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 3000.00	_____
4324 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	\$ 2000.00	_____
4372 COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$ 8000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$50000.00	_____

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COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND (1121)		AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>JAIL</i>			
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4119 OVERTIME	\$ 5000.00	_____
	4123 OASI	\$ 1000.00	_____
	4128 VEVAY JAILER	\$ 6000.00	_____
	4129 TOURISM JAILER	\$ 7500.00	_____
	4130 VEVAY MAIN ST. JAILER	\$ 1200.00	_____
	4131 SWISS WINE FEST JAILER	\$ 2000.00	_____
	4132 PARK BOARD JAILER	\$ 117.00	_____
200	SUPPLIES		
	4242 PRISONER FOOD	\$ 116.10	_____
TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND		\$22933.10	_____

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CUM CAP FUND (1139)		AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	5200 CO BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$30000.00	_____
TOTAL CUM CAP FUND		\$30000.00	_____

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Other Business cont'd

Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

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LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND (1168)		AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
200	SUPPLIES		
	4211 CLINICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 1897.30	_____
	4213 HEAD LICE SUPPLIES	\$ 750.00	_____
	4215 VACCINES/SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	_____
TOTAL LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND		\$ 2897.30	_____

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BELTERRA FUND (4900)		AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4123 INCENTIVES	\$93498.00	_____
	4171 OASI	\$ 5000.00	_____
TOTAL BELTERRA FUND		\$98498.00	_____

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Other Business cont'd

Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

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SWITZ. COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC FUND (4930)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4345 UTILITIES	\$13000.00	_____
SWITZ. COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC FUND	\$13000.00	_____

Rachel called for a motion and vote on the following additional appropriation ordinance. Rachel made the motion to approve, seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed. Glenn abstained from voting on this additional appropriation ordinance.

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SCER FUND (1151)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4165 OVERTIME	\$ 4250.00	_____
200 SUPPLIES		
4200 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 600.00	_____
4201 UNIT OP SUPPLIES	\$32000.00	_____
4203 OTHER SUPPLIES	\$ 4000.00	_____
4607 OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1200.00	_____
4900 MISC DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1000.00	_____
TOTAL SCER FUND	\$43050.00	_____

2017 meeting dates: The meeting dates for 2017 were approved as presented on a motion by Elizabeth, seconded by Rachel and all agreed. The meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

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SIRPC board appointment: The current board appointee is Steve. The meetings are quarterly at Osgood. This will be decided at the January meeting.

Elizabeth thought the council should also advertise for board positions like the commissioners have been doing. There are 16 board positions appointed by the council. The appointments are to be done at the January meeting. There was further discussion as to who needs to be on what boards and Gayle is to make a list for the council members.

Funding for LED lighting: The LED lighting is for the county buildings serviced by Duke Energy as they are the ones with the rebate program. Since this is a special project the commissioners came to council for funding. The cost of this project is \$111,907.00, but the cost to the county will be \$27,561.00. The company installing the lights is also doing the rebate paperwork. Council asked about paying for this out of Cum Cap. Gayle suggested paying for the project from Cum Cap and then if the Cum Cap funds run out later, council could replenish the fund. Commissioner Josh South said he would be responsible for making sure the project goes as planned. Steve made a motion to pay for the project out of Cum Cap, seconded by Elizabeth and the motion carried with Mike voting no. Council thought it is a good idea to proceed with this project.

Nepotism forms: The council members signed the required nepotism forms for 2016.

SISWD board appointment: This board appointment will be decided in January as well.

YMCA funding: Gayle said that council approves the funding to go with the YMCA contract that the commissioners have signed to allow the county employees to use the facility for free. The amount is for \$15,000.00. This year commissioners are considering approving \$5,000.00 to go to Dawn's Fitness and \$10,000.00 to go to the YMCA and then the county employees have 2 places to use to work around their schedules. Elizabeth is on the YMCA board and said they are looking at being open 24/7 giving access to employees via key fobs; this would be the gym and fitness room.

Glenn made a motion to fund a fitness program for \$15,000.00 and let the commissioners make the decision as to who gets the funds which was seconded by Steve. Elizabeth thought the \$15,000.00 should go to the YMCA since the county has a vested interest in this entity. After some discussion Steve called for a vote: the motion carried.

2017 sheriff's contract: This is the annual contract for services provided by the sheriff; it is the same contract as before just a different contract amount of \$72,269.00. Steve made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed.

Froggy radio advertising: Froggy 95.9 approached Gayle about buying Christmas advertising. There is no advertising money for this.

2017 riverboat revenue: Gayle has not received grant requests from everyone yet due a confusion of the due date. These will be decided in January/February.

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#3 Jon Bond – Lewis-Kappes Letter

Jon came to inform council that Lewis-Kappes has decided not be the lobbyist for the county’s riverboat revenue at the state level anymore. Jon has recommended to the commissioners to find a republican lobbyist to take over. Other communities have gone another direction and therefore Lewis-Kappes has lost riverboat revenue clients.

Commissioner Josh South said the commissioners’ first focus was to find a republican central resource. Monday they are going to interview Jud McMillan about maybe representing Switzerland County in some way at the state level. Glenn expressed an objection to Jud representing the county. Josh said they still want to talk to Jon Bond about this also because of his experience. Steve said Jon is very well respected on both sides of aisle at the state level, democrats and republicans.

Jon said he has been talking to Jud to give him some inside information about the process and other items. He said it is tuff because the horse tracks buy up every lobbyist that is any good. The decision needs to be made within the next 2 or 3 weeks. The riverboat revenue should be discussed/bills discussed at the state about the 3rd week of January. There are advantages to going alone but more advantages to being represented as a group. Jon said the City of Rising Sun would probably go along with Switzerland County in hiring a lobbyist. The budget line item amount for this is \$60,000.00; out of council’s casino revenue funds. Jon said to hang onto as much cash as possible between now and April, just in case it is needed during this process, there needs to be some financial flexibility.

#4 Riverboat Revenue

No decisions were made at this time.

Steve told the other council members good luck and it has been good being on council for 24 years serving the people of Switzerland County. The other council members thanked him for his service. He said when the riverboat came to the county, the council members back then tried to do what was right to secure a good future for the county and not have to depend on riverboat revenue. That’s where the industrial park came into view; the more industries you can get in the industrial park the better the future of Switzerland County will be.

With no further business to come before council, Steve made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

